

place upon the allies—be turned upon the central powers.

Only One For It.

Among numerous interviews with public men gathered by the London press, there is only one advocating acceptance of Germany's proposition and immediate entrance into negotiations.

That is the opinion voiced by Philip Snowden, the Empire's leading pacifist, who considers that the allies will incur an awful responsibility if they decline.

Should Investigate.

It is at least their duty, he holds, to see whether the German proposals contain the possibility of ending the war on conditions, reasonable, and, as far as possible, satisfactory to everybody.

There was considerable opinion that the note was merely a "clever Toucan Trick" for the purpose of starting discussion among the allies, and possibly thus to create dissension.

"Impudent Trick."

The Mail characterizes the peace proposals as "an impudent trick," but "The allies," the editorial continued, "will not be caught by this white-whiskered device. They know that peace with a nation of tigers and murderers and statesmen who regard all treaties as scraps of paper, would not be worth the paper and ink, so long as Germany has not been completely and decisively beaten."

No Peace with Her.

No peace with her can be more than a truce which she would violate at the first moment it served her purpose. It would not save us money or effort, for we should still have to spend every available penny on munitions and equipment in preparation for Germany's next treacherous blow. It would be better and cheaper by far to fight on.

Not Too Much Attention.

The Daily News declares that "not too much attention be paid to the chancellor's arrogant invitation," but holds the allies must not make the blunder of refusing to enter into negotiations, in view of Germany's attitude move.

The Daily Telegraph asserts "on an unimpeachable authority" Germany recently offered peace to Belgium, declaring that nation would be restored and granted financial assistance, with guarantee of its independence if Belgium accepted. If refused, the Daily Telegraph's informant said, Germany gave "the intimation that Belgium's very existence, her monuments, public buildings, and towns, was threatened."

9 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TO XMAS

IT ISN'T WHAT YOU GET FOR XMAS—IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE



COL. HOUSE CALLED INTO PEACE PLANS

Confers With Wilson on Proposed Terms Made By Germany.

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The governments abroad as to the circumstances under which they would welcome the intervention of the United States as peace maker. There is talk that the colonel might be sent abroad now to lay the basis for a formal tender of good offices, but for this confirmation as yet is lacking. Moreover, it is discontinued to a certain extent by the feeling that if any action is to be taken at all it must be taken quickly, and before the entente powers have opportunity to get together and definitely close the doors.

Leaves Way to U. S. Open.

In the course which Germany and her allies have followed, diplomats in Washington see the results of a shrewd purpose to leave the way open to the United States to act. Her procedure has been two-fold. Officially the Central Powers have done no more than indicate their willingness to bring the war to a conclusion and to discuss peace on a basis that does not aim at conquest but at the safeguarding of the traditional interests of the Teutonic nations. Thus, officially, these countries have left the way open for the United States to back up the request for exchanges, without appearing to champion any definite plan for peace.

Unofficially, however, the German government, through its embassy at Washington, has let sufficient drop as to the peace terms of herself and her allies as to create a favorable public opinion in the United States and other neutral countries as well as among the peoples of the entente nations.

Won't Predict Rejection.

Members of the entente Diplomatic Corps in Washington, apparently, apprehend the shrewdness of the move, and for that reason none of them goes so far as to predict that the triple entente will flatly reject the proposals for peace negotiations. To do that would be to leave these powers in the position of having rejected peace, and thus they would be shouldered with the responsibility before their own people, as well as before the world, of prolonging the slaughter.

Expect Allies To Speak.

It is expected that the position of the allies will be outlined more or less definitely by Lloyd-George, the new British premier, in his speech in Parliament on Thursday, provided, by that time, the entente powers have received and digested the official text of the offer.

The prevailing impression here is that he will at least indicate countenance to the peace terms, perhaps, a suggestion that a permanent peace from the standpoint of the entente powers can only be based on safe guards that will protect Europe from the menace of German militarism.

It is regarded as doubtful whether he would in the face of the Teutonic proposals, reiterate his famous expression of a few weeks back that "the war must be fought to a finish—to a knock-out." Aside from its effect on the outside world, it is appreciated among entente diplomats here, that such a reply would merely play into the hands of Germany and inspire the German people to fresh sacrifice.

In Case of Rejection.

From the viewpoint of American officials a flat rejection might well lead to consequences for the American Government which would serve immeasurably to complicate the foreign situation of this country. In other words, it is regarded as not

unlikely that Germany in such event would feel herself justified in resorting to extreme military measures in her defense and might even be forced by public opinion at home to resume ruthless submarine warfare against British commerce.

Wilson Plays Gelf.

It is this consideration almost as much as any other, it is believed, that would move President Wilson to seize upon the present opportunity to urge peace. In this respect the interests of the United States would be the interests of all neutral powers, so that while it is not expected that he would formally join with any other powers in proffering good offices, it is inferred that he might instruct the American diplomats abroad to work as far as possible in harmony with other neutral diplomats to the end of peace.

Colonel House and the President went over carefully late last night and early this morning the press reports from Berlin giving the text of the German note and the comments of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the reichstag. After the President went for his customary morning game of golf, Colonel House went to the State Department, where he was in conference with Secretary Lansing for about half an hour.

For New York, intimating that he had no intention of sailing for Europe.

DOUBT WAR'S END SOON

This Is Personal Opinion of Attache of French Embassy.

Premier Briand is speaking for France in the Chamber of Deputies today. As for us, we are not at all excited over this peace talk, and we do not think the war will end soon.

This was the answer of the French embassy today to a request for expression of opinion regarding Germany's peace proposals.

One official, who was careful to explain he was speaking only for himself and not for the embassy, said he was certain nothing would come of the proposal, and that the entente allies would continue to fight until they had obtained the objects which have been previously stated by the governments.

"I am quite sure," he said, "Germany's peace proposal was made for the effect it would have upon her own people and neutrals, and not because she hoped the allies would listen to it. Despite the victory in Roumania, which may be only temporary, Germany is in a very bad situation, according to the information we get and something had to be done to get the minds of the people away from the food situation and the other hardships which they are now suffering."

"I hope the neutral countries will not think we are bloodthirsty because we refuse this peace offering. But how can we think peace when we do not know Germany's terms. Those published in the papers as coming from the German embassy are too vague and unofficial to be of any use, and what we know of them is not satisfactory."

"No one can say that we are continuing the war to crush Germany. That is ridiculous, but we must remove forever the danger of German militarism to the peace of our country and all democratic republics."

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The lecturer will be Virgil O. Stricker, C. S., a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother Church in

Boston, one of the popular speakers on this subject. He has been heard here several times, and each time his audience has increased.

On his last visit many were unable to gain admission to the theater. That all may hear him who desire, the lecture will be repeated the following evening, Monday, December 18, at 8 o'clock, in the edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbia road and Euclid streets. The lecturer will show that religion not only may be reduced to a science, but that this already has been done.

TEACHERS STUDY FISH

Guests of Henri J. Wagner, Who Explains Aquarium.

Fifty teachers of the Wilson Normal School were guests of the Washington Aquarium Society at the home of Henri J. Wagner, 1909 North Capitol street.

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NEWS OF ANACOSTIA

Citizens' Association Meets Tonight in District Suburb.

The Anacostia Citizens' Association meets tonight in the office of the George S. King Company.

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Bradbury Heights has been completed, and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock it will be dedicated by the Rev. W. L. McDowell, district superintendent. The Rev. Guy A. Luttrell, who will have charge of the church, will assist. A Sunday school will be organized, and sessions will be held each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by services at 3. The church is the only one in the suburb, and will be known as the "Community" Church.

Albert C. Beers, husband of Mrs. Addie M. Beers, died yesterday after a long illness. Funeral service will be held tomorrow morning from his late residence.

The Ladies' Guild of Emmanuel Church met yesterday.

Milton P. Miller, died in Congress Heights Monday, after a long illness. A son, Harold G. Miller, survives him.

The vestry of Esther Memorial Church met last night.

Electa Chapter, No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star, last night elected the following officers: Mrs. Helen Butts, worthy matron; Joseph Kelly, worthy patron; Mrs. Mary Benhoff, associate conductress; Mrs. Elsie Robinson, secretary; Mrs. Lavine Carter, treasurer; Mrs. Ella Phillips, conductress; Mrs. Ethel Frasier, associate conductress.

WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for the District of Columbia and Maryland—Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably snow. Little change in temperature. Moderate winds, mostly southwest.

Virginia—Generally cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably snow in northern portion. Little change in temperature. Moderate south to southwest winds.

TEMPERATURES.

(U. S. Bureau.)

8 a. m.	26
9 a. m.	27
10 a. m.	27
11 a. m.	27
12 noon.	27
1 p. m.	27
2 p. m.	27

TIDE TABLE.

(U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

High tides—10:27 a. m., height 2.6; 10:44 p. m., height 2.9.

Low tides—4:54 a. m., height 1.1; 5:05 p. m., height .2.

SUN AND MOON TABLE.

Sun rose... 7:10 a. m. sets... 4:47 p. m.

Moon rises... 8:35 p. m. sets... 10:12 p. m.

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